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313 area of this Republic, the high proportion of sawing frames reveals the advanced development of its timber industry.

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313 During the war Soviet timber enterprises, along with other industries,
727 suffered considerably. Much has been done to repair the damage, but rehabilitation work has been seriously hampered by shortages of wagon transport and of seasonal labour. In January this year a Pravda leading article announced that the preparation of timber in the U.S.S.R. was nine million cubic metres short of the plan, and that the shipment of prepared timber was "in an even worse condition," particularly in the Ukrainian and Byelorussian Republics. Part of the difficulty at least was due to breakdowns in tractors, but chiefly to labour shortage and low labour productivity. Here again, as in all branches of industry and agriculture, the exceedingly low food ration scales must be taken into account.

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185 The Five-Year Plan includes the following provisions for
313 Ukrainian timber developments:

> "To reduce the haulage of lumber to the Ukrainian S.S.R., the general plan for the production of undressed lumber in the Ukraine in the years 1946-50 shall be set at 47,600,000 cubic metres, with provision for an increase of felling in the western regions of the Ukraine and a restriction of felling in its eastern regions. Reafforestation shall be carried on extensively, timber being planted in the period 1946-50 on an area of 252,000 hectares and measures taken to replenish the thinned forests and to introduce fast-growing varieties of timber."

Paper Production

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281 In 1937 the Ukraine produced 28,400 tons of paper, as compared with 22,600 tons in 1932. This output represented, in 1937, 3.42 per cent., and, in 1932, 4.8 per cent. of the Soviet Union total paper production.[1]

In 1946 the reviving paper industry of the Ukraine turned out about 9,500 tons of paper and cardboard, exceeding its production programme by 10 per cent. This year the output of paper and cardboard is expected to be more than double that of 1946.

The first section of a mill producing paper bags has been launched in the Dragobych Region, and another paper mill is being built in the same region. Two cardboard factories are being built, one in Lvov and one in Rakhov (Transcarpathian Region).[2]

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1 Socialist Construction, Moscow, 1939.

2 Soviet Monitor, London, January 10, 1947.